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REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 4-12, 15, 16, 19 and 21.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

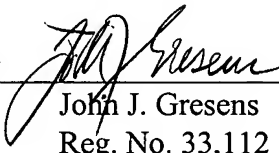
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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**MARKED-UP COPY OF CLAIMS**

4. A dosing device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the rotor is provided with a magnetizable material such as soft iron.

5. A dosing device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the rotor comprises a permanent magnet for contactlessly driving the rotor by means of at least one magnetic field.

6. A dosing device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the rotor comprises a plurality of arms extending in radial direction of the rotation axis.

7. A dosing device according to claim[s] 5 [and 6], characterized in that the ends of the arms form poles of the permanent magnet.

8. A dosing device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the pump is driven by the rotor by way of a drive shaft of which an axial axis is directed in a direction from the inlet to the outlet.

9. A dosing device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the housing of the dosing device is of substantially rotation-symmetrical design, with an axial axis of the housing extending in the direction from the inlet to the outlet.

10. A dosing device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the dosing device is provided, downstream of the pump, with a valve included in the liquid flow path, which opens when the liquid pressure upstream of the valve exceeds a predetermined threshold valve.

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11. A dosing device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the pump is constructed as a gear pump.

12. A holder filled with concentrate, which in diluted form, is suitable for consumption, the holder comprises a dosing device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1.

15. A holder according to [any one of] claim[s] 12[-14], characterized in that the housing is of more rigid design than the bag.

16. An apparatus for preparing a beverage suitable for consumption, the apparatus being adapted to be loaded with a holder according to [any one of the preceding] claim[s] 12[-15] which is fitted with a dosing device [according to any one of claims 1-11,] for placement in a dispensing machine which comprises a magnetization unit for generating a changing magnetic field comprising a housing comprising at least one inlet, at least one outlet, a liquid flow path extending from the inlet to the outlet, and a pump included in the liquid flow path, the dosing device being adapted for dispensing in a metered manner a viscous concentrate from a holder in which the concentrate is contained, the concentrate is diluted form giving a product suitable for consumption, the holder comprising a storage space in which the concentrate is contained, and the inlet of the dosing device being adapted to be connected, in use, to the storage space of the holder, characterized in that the dosing device comprises a rotor rotatably connected to the housing for rotation around a rotation axis, for causing the rotor to rotate about the rotation axis by means of the changing magnetic field, the rotor being mechanically connected to the pump for driving the pump with the rotating rotor, the apparatus comprising a magnetization unit for generating at least one magnetic field changing such

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that the rotor is contactlessly driven by the magnetization unit for the dosing device to dispense concentrate from the holder in a metered manner, and means for diluting the dispensed concentrate with water for obtaining the beverage suitable for consumption.

19. An assembly comprising an apparatus for preparing a beverage suitable for consumption and a holder according to [any one of the preceding] claim[s] 12[-15], the apparatus being loaded with the holder, and the apparatus comprising driving means for driving the dosing device for the dosing device to dispense concentrate from the holder in a metered manner, and means for diluting the dispensed concentrate with water for obtaining the beverage suitable for consumption.

21. An assembly according to claim 19 [or 20], wherein the holder comprises a dosing device [according to any one of claims 1-11] for placement in a dispensing machine which comprises a magnetization unit for generating a changing magnetic field comprising a housing comprising at least one inlet, at least one outlet, a liquid flow path extending from the inlet to the outlet, and a pump included in the liquid flow path, the dosing device being adapted for dispensing in a metered manner a viscous concentrate from a holder in which the concentrate is contained, the concentrate is diluted form giving a product suitable for consumption, the holder comprising a storage space in which the concentrate is contained, and the inlet of the dosing device being adapted to be connected, in use, to the storage space of the holder, characterized in that the dosing device comprises a rotor rotatably connected to the housing for rotation around a rotation axis, for causing the rotor to rotate about the rotation axis by means of the changing magnetic field, the rotor being mechanically connected to the pump for driving the pump with the rotating rotor, characterized in that the apparatus further comprises a

magnetization unit for generating at least one magnetic field changing such that the rotor is driven for causing the dosing device to dispense concentrate from the holder.

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